

EUGENE'S 2% TELECOM TAX ON PROVIDERS OPERATING IN EUGENE

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History: In April 1997, after over a year of city council meetings and public hearings, the city council adopted a twin set of telecommunications ordinances, reflecting a comprehensive set of telecommunications-related updates to the Eugene Code. Other sections of this website illustrate the city council's work and the resulting ordinances and administrative orders. By December 2003, the City had prevailed in all four separate court challenges against the City's Ordinance 20083.

A variety of private and public Ordinance 20083-related telecommunications and cable communications service providers owning or using defined facilities in Eugene's public rights of way pay compensation --allocated to the General Fund -- (called License fees in Ordinance 20083). Ordinance 20083 also assesses a telecommunications business privilege tax (called a registration fee in Ordinance 20083) which is dedicated to Program support and new City telecom technology related projects of community benefit. During litigation, collection of some fees and all tax collection was suspended. When court judgments were issued in support of the City of Eugene, collections began and some projects began immediately.

The program funding decisions and project awards reflect the city council's decision to re-invest specific tax revenues into telecommunications uses benefiting the Eugene community. Post pilot project continued funding is the responsibility of the implementing Department, except technology equipment fitting the City's Equipment Replacement Funding (ERF) program criteria. *For detailed information about telecommunications uses that may not be on the list, please contact Pam Berrian, Telecommunications and Cable Program Manager, at 541-682-5590 or pam.c.berrian@ci.eugene.or.us.*

Eugene, Oregon Ordinance 20083 2% Registration Fee/Tax Funded Projects

C = Completed

O = Ongoing; 1-3 years of funding not exhausted

FY 03 Projects

- C 1. .NET training (Related to E-Gov)
- C 2. Crystal Reports Developer/Power User Training (Related to E-Gov)
- C 3. Spanish Language Polaris Internet Line Library Catalog Module
- C 4. Satellite Dish - Interactive Group Training (Employee and Community use)

FY 04 Projects

- C 1. E-Government, E-Commerce Web Portal
- C 2. Wireless Public Safety Telecommunications/Mobile Data Computers (MDCs)
- C 3. IDENTIX Fingerprint System Pilot
- C 4. Applicant Tracking & Internet Online Employment Applications (E-Gov related)
- C 5. Fiber Link Construction for high-speed networking between remote City sites
- C 6. Community Emergency Notification System (CENS)
- C 7. Library Recreation and Cultural Services (LRCS), Class e-Connect Online System.
(Related to E-Gov)
- C 8. Fiber Optic Web Cam & Traffic Signal Server Replacement
- C 9. Limited Review: Ord 20078 (1997) Cell Tower and Zoning Ordinance
- C 10. City Records Office/City Managers Office Imaging and Archiving for Web
Access
- C 11. Personal Digital Assistants for customer field surveys, Library, Recreation &
Cultural Svcs Dept
- C 12. LTD Bus Rapid Transit Route - Utility (Pole) under-grounding

FY05 Projects

- C 1. E-Government – Online pymt of parking tickets and court fines
- C 2. Fire Direct Radio Repeater System; alleviates dispatch when necessary
- C 3. Public Safety Vehicle Location & Geographic Information System
- C 4. Online Volunteer and Donor Management System
- C 5. Children's Library Catalog Web Interface system
- C 6. Part I: eConnect/RecEnroll Web Recreation Registration/Payment System
- C 7. Web Based Credit Card Verification, Recreation Centers
- C 8. Web-Enabled Planning Document Imaging/Archiving (pilot)
- C 9. Wireless Mobile Computers for Building Inspectors – Job Site Info Access

- C 10. Wireless Parks Sprinkler Conservation Modem System
- C 11. Traffic Signal Fiber Optic Upgrade Study
- C 12. Public Works Dept.: Interactive Web-based Geographic Information System
- C 13. Transfer PDD Info to new e-Government Portal
- C 14. City-Departments: non-Police Wireless Access (reconfigured in 07 from previous police only application)
- C 15. Emergency Operations and 9-1-1 Back-up Center – new Fire Station
- C 16. “Working City” monthly Metro Television Show, Channel 21
- C 17. Limited Use Cell Phones for Community Service and Police Officers
- O 18. e-Access Control System, Hult Center for Performing Arts
- C 19. Fiber Route to Lane County Elections Office
- C 20. 9-1-1 Center - Emergency Dispatch Simulcast System
- C 21. Courthouse District utility under-grounding

FY 06 Projects

- C 1. Muni Court Telephony Automated Payments
- C 2. Public Access Computers – Municipal Court, Personnel Office lobby, and in Council Chambers during council meetings
- O 3. Web Cast Council Meetings - live and archived
- C 4. Wireless Electronic Fire/EMS Medical Report System (Rescheduled to begin in FY08)
- C 5. Radios for Cultural Services use during events
- C 6. Campbell Senior Center Internet Lab
- O 7. Class E-Connect *Enhancements* – online reservation of facilities, flexible scheduling, and a module to handle scholarships.
- C 8. Wireless Hot Spots for Main and Branch Libraries

- C 9. LaserFiche Document Management – Planning Department
- C 10. Building Permits Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System
- C 11. Scanning of oversized Archived Documents/Maps for Web Access, Planning Department
- C 12. Police In-Car Video System
- C 13. Park Site Security Cameras (3)
- C 14. City Fleet - Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) Pilot
- C 15. Parks Maxicom Weather Station – Water Conservation
- C 16. Public Works Facility Lighting Control System
- O 17. Web Portal Statistical System/Analytics
- O 18. My Neighborhood Interactive Web Portal
- C 19. 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act 2006 Rewrite, Extraordinary Impact Analysis
- C 20. Comcast Franchise Renewal Negotiations, Year One, Extraordinary Legal Analysis
- C 21. Centralized Document Imaging Equipment - Centralized Use for All City Departments

FY 07 Projects

- C 1. Fire-EMS Telemetric Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators
- C 2. Wireless Assisted Listening/Auditory Description Devices for Hearing and/or Sight Impaired Patrons – Performing Arts Center
- C 3. Echo Hollow Pool and Sheldon Fitness Center Cable Television Access
- O 4. *Delayed to FY11* due to State e-Permitting Project: Planning Dept Business Systems - Make Internet and Mobile Ready
- O 5. *Delayed to FY 10:* On-Request e-mail Neighborhood Association Newsletters
- C 6. Internet Ready LaserFiche System for Police Reports

O 7. *Delayed to FY 10:* City Property Telecommunications System Master Plan – Airport Area.

Cancelled 8 . Scoping Study for new Citizen Inquiry and Complaint System (CTRACS)

O 9. Web Portal Phase II Public Involvement

O 10. Client Internet Access at 12 Homeless and At-Risk Social Service Agencies

C 11. Government Access Cable Television (Channel 21) Equipment

C 12. Cable TV advertising for Eugene community events/Telecom equip. rebates for Eugene-sited filmmaking crews.

Other:

Allocation from Reserve: Federal COPS grant matching funds for public safety disaster radio interoperability and related telecom construction

City Manager Pilot Projects: 1) (C) Wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) access at downtown ‘park blocks’ Saturday market area & West University Park; 2) (C) Study efficiency and effectiveness of the use of ‘smart phones’ or text messaging devices for staff. In addition, telecommunications tax funds will pay for the upgrade of the public safety Automated Information Retrieval System (AIRS), divided into five annual payments through FY11.

FY 08 Projects

O 1. Amended and Delayed to FY 11: Fire, Automated Personnel System

C 2. Satellite Radio Receiver Site Upgrade for Public Safety federal COPS Grant Project

O 3. 911 - FAA - Airport “Hot Line”

C 4. Automatic Vehicle Location Phase II (AVL)

C 5. Public Works Electronic Document Imaging Conversion

O 6. *Delayed to FY11:* HUD: Affordable Housing & Job Creation Project Management and Reporting

O 7. Free Wi-Fi Access in all City Community Centers and Pools

O 8. Hult Performing Arts Center Community Ticket Sales Kiosk

C 9. Geocaching – Recreation Urban Adventures

- O 10. Laserfiche document imaging and management for Municipal Court
- O 11. Web-based Human Resources Training Delivery and Assessment System
- C 12. City Facility Condition Reporting
- C 13. Internet Peering Point Readiness Study
- C 14. Document Management & Scanning Services
- O 15. City Web Site Public Involvement, Phase II
- O 16. Web-based GIS Phase 2 – Application Server, Software & Training
- C 17. Television Cameras for Eugene Council Chamber, CH 21 Metro TV
- C 18. Downtown Fiber Optic Connections

FY 09 Projects (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

- C 1. Cable TV Advertising for Four Public Works Service Areas
- O 2. *Delayed to FY11* Emergency Phone w/ Wireless Video Camera, Golden Gardens
Park
- C 3. e-Park - Internet Interactive City Parking Locator/mobile Phone app
- C 4. Public Safety Communications Interoperability - Antennae Radio upgrades & multi-
couplers
- C 5. LiveScan Fingerprinting Implementation Project
- O 6. City Council Meeting Closed Captioning Services
- O 7. Municipal Court Inter-Agency Electronic Case Flow, Consultant
- O 8. Fire & EMS Cable Television [paid] Public Service Announcements
- O 9. Library Internet-based Self-Payment of Fines & Fees
- O 10. Library Fully Automated Internet & Print Management (IPM) Solution
- O 11. Patron High-Speed Internet Download Stations for e-Audio Books and Digital
Movies
- C 12. Two Automated Public Meetings Interactive Audience Response Systems

- C 13. Matching Funds for Comcast System Downtown Eugene Build-Out
- C 14. Mobile GIS for Emergency and Disaster Response Pilot Project
- O 15. 9-1-1 Automated Call Log-in System

Other: 1500 Long Distance Calling cards for participants in the 2009 Eugene area Project Homeless Connect www.homelessconnect.org and \$750 Sponsorship of the Oregon Connections Telecommunications conference www.oregonconnections.info. First year of \$35k annual contribution to *Working City* cable Metro TV show.

FY10 Projects (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)

- O 1. Public On-Line Police Reporting
- O 2. On-Site Staff Assistance - Wireless Mobile Library Customer Service
- C 3. Planning Department Land Use Inventory
- O 4. Municipal Court Electronic Case Flow Improvements, Phase II
- O 5. Organization-wide Laser fiche Enterprise Content Management (ECM) System
- O 6. City Work Site Video-Conferencing Pilot Project
- O 7. Post Pilot Implementation: Mobile GIS Emergency Response Program

Other: 1500 Long Distance Calling cards for participants in the 2010 Eugene area Project Homeless Connect www.homelessconnect.org; \$500 Sponsorship of the Oregon Connections Telecommunications conference www.oregonconnections.info and \$35,000 for one-year trial [for City staff and a variety of community-based agencies) of Civis grant-search/writing software.

Initiated a staggered-year organization-wide Telecommunication Equipment Replacement Funding (ERF) program to mitigate technology shelf-life budget impacts. In FY10 used for: Police/Fire Mobile Data Computers; City-Wide Laserfiche; Public Works Vehicle Location system; LRCS Wireless and Fiber Connections (branch Libraries and Peterson Barn Comm Ctr); Organization Wide IT Servers; IT Switchers/Routers; and IT Domain Controllers.

FY 11 Projects (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011)

- C 1. Costs associated with response to Google fiber network proposal RFI and NTIA BTOP Broadband Stimulus grant proposal.
- O 2. New fiber route to new Police bldg., 300 Country Club Rd

Other: 1500 Long Distance Calling cards for participants in the 2011 Eugene area Project Homeless Connect www.homelessconnect.org; \$500 Sponsorship of the Oregon Connections Telecommunications conference www.oregonconnections.info. Telecommunications Equipment Replacement funding [as stated above>>to mitigate technology shelf life impacts] for e-Gov Portal and Collaboration Software, Police and Fire Mobile Data Computers, Fire Portable Radios, and General Fund computer network servers. First year of \$15k annual contribution to United Way 211 Social Services Information system. \$6k for AIRS Smart Cards (one-time). First year of \$150k annual support to Government TV Channel Programming of City Council and Commissions meetings.

FY 12 Projects (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

O. 1. e-Gov Web Portal Replaced. Executive Manager recommendation and City Manager decision. Current portal no longer supported by vendor.

O 2. EPD Downtown Public Safety Technology Project. City Council recommendation to City Manager.

Other: 1500 Long Distance Calling cards for participants in the 2012 Eugene area Project Homeless Connect www.homelessconnect.org; \$500 Sponsorship of the 2011 Oregon Connections Telecommunications conference www.oregonconnections.info. Telecommunications Equipment Replacement funding for Police In-Car Video Units, Web-Based GIS servers, Computer network switches and routers [staggered locations], Org-wide e-Gov network servers, Org-wide GF network servers.